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SUBJ: GOC WISH TO POSTPONE UN CRIME PREVENTION CONGRESS

REF: A. OTTAWA 2713; B. OTTAWA 2726

1. DR. GERHARD MUELLER, CHIEF, CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION OF UN SECT IN CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF PROFESSED OPTIMISM THAT FIFTH CONGRESS WOULD BE HELD DESPITE CANADIAN DECISION TO SEEK ITS POSTPONEMENT. HE STATED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD SUBMITTED SERIES OF OPTIONS TO SYG AND THAT SYG WOULD GIVE HIS DECISION IN NEXT FEW DAYS. WHILE RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS WHAT THESE OPTIONS MIGHT BE HE CONCEDED THAT IN ADDITION TO POSTPONEMENT AS REQUESTED BY GOC, ONE OPTION WOULD BE TO HOLD IT AT GENEVA.

2. PRESS STORIES NOTE THAT GOC COULD INVOKE PROVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAW TO PREVENT PLO REPS FROM ENTERING COUNTRY. MUELLER STATED THAT THIS WAS CORRECT BUT THAT GOC HAD WAIVED THIS PROVISION IN THE PAST AND, MOREOVER, REPS OF PLO MIGHT ALREADY BE IN CANADA.

3. MUELLER VOLUNTEERED THAT SECT HAD ANTICIPATED ATTEMPT
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TO POLITICIZE PROCEEDINGS AND THAT HE HAD MADE PROCEDURAL

PROVISIONS FOR FRUSTRATING ANY SUCH ATTEMPT. HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT TO POLITICIZE FIFTH CONGRESS THAN IT WAS THE IWY CONFERENCE. WHILE NOT CRITICIZING ANYONE HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT IN HIS VIEW THE DANGERS OF POLITICIZATION WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY POSTPONING CONGRESS.

4. COMMENT: MUELLER IS APPARENTLY BASING HIS VIEWS PRIMARILY ON MACBACHEN'S STATEMENT WHICH EMPHASIZED POLITICIZATION ISSUE AND IS NOT AWARE OF IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY CANADIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS ALLUDED TO IN PRESS STORIES. WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN THE DETERMINING FACTOR, GOC'S DECISION TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IS CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION THAT PERSISTENCE OF THIRD WORLD ACTIVISTS IN INTRODUCING EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES INTO UN MEETINGS IS BEGINNING TO ENDANGER SYSTEM FROM WHICH THEY AS WELL AS OTHERS BENEFIT. WHETHER THEY WILL HEED THIS LESSON REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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